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1. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED CLOSELY EMBASSY'S THOROUGH AND TIMELY COVERAGE OF RAPIDLY EVOLVING BANANA SITUATION AND HAS REVIEWED LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AS REQUESTED IN REF A. HOWEVER PARTICULARLY GIVEN LATEST DEVELOPMENT REPORTED IN REF C., PLUS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY WILL CONCUR IN OUR JUDGMENT THAT SUGGESTED MEETING WITH FRUIT COMPANY REPS WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS POINT.

2. CONCLUSION IS BASED ON SEVERAL FACTORS. FIRST, WE HAVE LITTLE THAT WE MIGHT TELL COMPANIES OTHER THAN THAT OUR READING OF SITUATION IN COSTA RICA INDICATES THAT SITUATION REACHING CRITICAL STAGE. STANDARD'S ACTION (REF. C), MAY INDICATE STANDARD HAS REACHED THAT CONCLUSION ON ITS OWN.

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FYI - A LOW-LEVEL APPROACH TO UNITED HERE (SEE BELOW)

INDICATES THEY ALSO ARE NOT AS INTRANSIGENT AS MIGHT APPEAR FROM NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. END FYI. SECONDLY WE ARE NOT CONVINCED WE KNOW WHAT COMPANIES SEE AS REALISTICALLY DESIRED OUTCOME; THIS IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM MORE NORMAL SITUATION IN WHICH USG MIGHT ASSIST PARTIES TO ATTAIN A MUTUALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED UPON OBJECTIVE. THIRD, AND COMPLICATING THE ABOVE, WE DO NOT REALLY KNOW THE

EXTENT TO WHICH ANTI-TRUST CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT BE IMPEDING A SOLUTION OR EVEN WHETHER DEPARTMENT INTERVENTION AT THIS POINT MIGHT NOT INADVERTENTLY GIVE RISE TO POSSIBLE CIRCUMVENTION OF ESSENTIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION OR OTHER ASPECTS OF ANTI-TRUST LAWS. FOR THE MOMENT THE BURDEN OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANTI-TRUST LAW IS ON THE COMPANIES WITH WHATEVER GUIDANCE THEY MAY WISH TO SEEK FROM APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE USG.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT USG POSITION ON TAX QUESTION IS CTING AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO NEGOTIATIONS. USG EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN HAVE DEALT WITH UNILATERAL COLLUSIVE NATURE OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES ACTION IN THE MATTER, BUT HAVE NOT GOTTEN INTO TOPIC OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH COMPANIES.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH BOTH COMPANIES..

FYI - AFTER RECEIPT REFTELS, BUT AFTER ABOVE DRAFTED, DEPARTMENT MADE LOW-LEVEL APPROACH TO UNITED TO CLARIFY NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT (REF. B). UNITED REP INDICATED SAN JOSE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS NOT ACCURATE AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS STILL PROCEEDING AMICABLY. END FYI. SISCO

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